



I AM NAVY MEDICINE: HOSPITAL CORPSMAN 1ST CLASS CAMERON GRAHAM

Editors Note: Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Cameron Graham was named Navy Medicine's 2016 Sailor of the Year on January 27, 2017

I joined the Navy Medicine team because many of my family members also work in the medical field, so I always knew I wanted to follow in their footsteps and help others. My family has been blessed with a wide range of medical professionals from nurses and paramedics to dental and orthodontic assistants.

My grandfather and father both served in the Navy, so I naturally steered in this direction, and when the recruiter told me that I could be a hospital corpsman, I was ready to serve on the spot.

It's been an interesting and exciting road since then. After completing corps school, I was sent to the Field Medical Training Battalion (FMTB)-East in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and then transferred to 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. I completed three tours with them before moving to Washington, D.C., and served with Marine Barracks 8th & I.

While I was there, I realized I really wanted to help train and shape the future of Navy Medicine, so I applied to be an instructor here at the Basic Medical Technician Corpsman Program at Joint Base San Antonio – Ft. Sam Houston. I got picked up for the orders, and I have been stationed in San Antonio since October 2014.



My journey has been nothing short of excitement. I have been fortunate to hold a variety of jobs: Squad Corpsman, Senior Line Corpsman, Clinic LPO, Navy Military Training Instructor (NMTI), First Class Petty Officer Association (FCPOA) President, and now a Hospital Corps School Instructor. Each of these journeys provided their own challenges, and each one of them has allowed me to learn and grow as a Sailor and a person.

Today I directly impact Navy Medicine's mission because I train our future hospital corpsman. We teach topics such as basic life support, emergency medical technician, nursing fundamentals, and practical applications, preparing the hospital corpsman for immediate action in the field or fleet.

If I had to sum it up in one sentence, I would have to say my experience with Navy Medicine has been a life changing one, and I encourage all the members of our healthcare team to take every opportunity to learn, grow and take care of our Navy and Marine Corps family.

I am Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Cameron Graham, and I am Navy Medicine.